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FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT FOR GOL INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES

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1. GOL MINISTER OF INTERIOR SALMAN TELEPHONE ME JAN 24 TO ASK IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY REPLY FROM WASHINGTON TO HIS REQUEST (REF A) FOR US ASSISTANCE TO INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER AND PROMISED TO FOLLOW UP.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOW MORE THAN TWO MONTHS SINCE GOL FIRST RAISED THIS MATTER WITH THE EMBASSY, AND WE HAVE STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEM A REPLY. REESTABLISHMENT AND REEQUIPMENT OF ISF IS VITAL TO RESTORATION OF SECURITY IN LEBANON AND TO STRENGTHENING OF THE AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT SARKIS' GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH GOL HAS NOW BEGUN TO LOOK FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES, AS REPRESENTED BY SALMAN'S TRIP TO AAMMAN (REFS B AND C), IT IS CLEAR THAT SOME VITAL DECISIONS ARE BEING POSTPONED WHILE GOL AWAITS OUR ANSWER. UK AMBASSADOR WAKEFIELD HAS TOLD ME, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT GOL IS DELAYING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS GOVERNMENT WHILE IT WAITS FOR USG
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ANSWER. I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR US TO RESPOND TO LEBANESE REQUEST IMMEDIATELY. OBVIOUSLY THEY WOULD PREFER A POSITIVE ANSWER, BUT EVEN A NEGATIVE WOULD BE BETTER AT THIS STAGE THAN CONTINUED DELAY.
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